

## **Engineering Heritage Australia Bulletin: #24**

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#### **Australasian Engineering Heritage Conference (AEHC) 2022 – Registration is open**

The Engineering Heritage Conference 2022 will bring together like-minded people with an interest in heritage, focusing on engineering heritage, and aims to bring these two aspects together in relationship, emphasising how the past determines the future.

The conference will run from 12 October - 13 October 2022 under the theme, 'Transport and Communications: Looking Forward - Looking Back'.

Our conference will be held at Engineers Australia Sydney Offices, 44 Market Street, and (hopefully) online as well. On the afternoon of the second day, tours have been arranged to the Central Station Clocktower and the Metro construction works at Central, quite in keeping with themes of looking back and looking forward. An informal conference dinner will be held at the EA offices on the first evening. The dinner will also allow the presentation of the 2019 Colin Crisp Awards.

There will be a varied range of talks, with keynote speakers including:

- Howard Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Transport for New South Wales, who has a long term interest in heritage; and
- Pamela Henderson, Executive Director, Technical Services, Transport for New South Wales, speaking on Central Station Upgrade - Heritage Importance in the Context of Other Social Factors.

For registration and more information please refer to the link below:

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/event/2022/03/australasian-engineering-heritage-conference-2022-41536>

*(From Frank Johnson)*

## **Interesting webinar by EHSA: 60 King William St Adelaide project - retention and integration of heritage facade into new construction**

Following is a link to an interesting webinar organised by EHSA (Engineering Heritage South Australia) last July and presented by Mr. David Kennedy, who is the new EHSA Chair. The webinar explains how heritage facades for buildings can be retained and integrated into new construction. It also explains the heritage approval process and the role of structural engineers.

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*(From Mike Taylor per favour of Richard Muncey)*

## **Ian Bowie shares his experience on the National Trust Listings (NSW)**

In mid-2020, the NSW government called for submissions on the future of the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney: a matter that has been well known to have been a subject of intense debate for some years. The National Trust (NSW) immediately sent out an urgent appeal for information that would assist their intended submission.

It was recalled that Engineering Heritage Sydney had obtained a Historic Engineering Marker in 1994 for the Ultimo Power Station (the key component of the Powerhouse) and the HEM submission document was therefore downloaded from the EHA website and sent to the Trust. Sometime later, a letter of strong thanks was received from the Trust, prompting the thought that this was not so surprising because the landmark and marker documents at the time were quite large and so almost certainly contained much more information than many other individual references.

There was also the awareness that these crises of information shortage occurred regularly over the years, and it would consequently seem sensible if the material could be already located with the Trust at Observatory Hill, effectively loaded and ready to fire, when the next urgent case arose. The submission documents for all landmark and marker awards by the Sydney and Newcastle committees were therefore downloaded from the EHA website onto a CD which was passed to NT(NSW) archives. (On the principle that information is no good unless people know about its existence, the suggestion was made that someone would need to write a note on the Trust listing cards/sheets for each of the EHA items, indicating the presence of the CD in the archives.)

Some years ago, NT(NSW) embarked on the long task of digitising all their listings. As this work progresses, the opportunity arises for adding the relevant material from the CD to the entries. This means that the landmark and marker material will be permanently attached to the reference sections of the Trust listings.

*(From Ian Bowie)*

## **Super early bird registration for the General Assembly of ICOMOS 2023 will expire on 10 September 2022**

The 21st Triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS and the Scientific Symposium will be held in Sydney from 31 August – 9 September 2023. The deadline for the Super Early Bird Registration will be on 10 September 2022.

The theme of the four-day Scientific Symposium: ‘Heritage Changes: Resilience – Responsibility – Rights – Relationships’, reflects the tumultuous changes taking place in the world, but also a positive message about the role of our heritage in supporting rapid recovery and inclusive approaches.

For more information, refer to the link below:

<https://icomosga2023.org/>

*(From Firas Shawash)*

## **Transport Heritage Expo 2022: 1-3 October– Sydney**

Following a three-year absence, the Transport Heritage Expo returns to Sydney for 2022 with heritage train rides, Steamboats, vintage bus rides, and more!

<https://www.transportheritageexpo.com/>

*(From Firas Shawash)*

### ***Contributions needed***

*Readers are invited to share news, bright ideas, issues of concern, advice about online talks – anything that would be of interest and helpful to others, by sending them to editor Firas Shawash at [fshawash@yahoo.com](mailto:fshawash@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the next Bulletin - more Australia-wide content would be appreciated.*

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